

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 12, which starts with “An example of a mechanism” with the following amended paragraph:

An example of a mechanism which can be used to perform logical selection process 88 is described in a co-pending U.S. application entitled “Logical Volume Selection in a Probability-Based Job Scheduler,” filed November 12, 1999, Serial No. 09/439,903, in the name of Mason, Jr., et al. (~~attorney docket number 07072/932001~~), now U.S. Pat. No. 6,665,740, issued December 16, 2003, incorporated herein by reference. Other operation selection techniques that are known in the art can also be used.